

# Wyoming Healthcare Professional Loan Repayment Program



The purpose of the Wyoming Healthcare Professional Loan Repayment Program is to enhance the ability of medically underserved Wyoming communities to recruit and retain healthcare professionals.

## Benefits

- Physicians and dentists:  
Up to \$90,000 over three years, not to exceed \$30,000 per year
- Other licensed healthcare professionals:  
Up to \$30,000 over three years, not to exceed \$10,000 per year

## Eligibility

- Licensed healthcare professionals working full time in Wyoming are eligible regardless of their tenure of service in Wyoming.
- Healthcare professionals (or persons in training) not currently licensed in Wyoming, but who are within one year of licensure, are eligible.

## Selection

The Office of Rural Health makes selections based on the needs of Wyoming's residents. Every county in Wyoming is in need of medical professionals from all disciplines, but counties and professions of greatest need receive highest priority. The Office of Rural Health works with professional organizations, prominent individuals in given professions, and other groups to establish priorities among counties and medical professions.

## Requirements

- Professionals must sign a contract with the Wyoming Department of Health
- Professionals must work full time in Wyoming in their chosen healthcare profession for the entirety of the contract (3 years)
- Professionals must treat government insurance patients (Medicare, Medicaid, and Kid Care)
- Professionals must use the funds received to repay their educational loans
- Educational loans cannot be in default



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## Frequently asked questions

### ***How does the Office of Rural Health determine where I practice?***

You determine where you practice. One of the major factors in determining who receives an award is which applicants are practicing in the counties or areas with the greatest need for their given profession.

### ***Where are physicians needed most?***

Needs change rapidly. The Office of Rural Health uses various resources to determine which counties are in greatest need. For current statistics, please contact the Office of Rural Health.

### ***I have not yet graduated, can I apply?***

Yes, but you must be within one year of licensure and you must include your projected graduation and licensure dates in your application to the program.

### ***Are awards automatic or competitive?***

Competitive. The Office of Rural Health will select the best candidates who fill the greatest need of the residents of Wyoming in each of the award categories.

### ***I have been practicing in Wyoming for several years. Am I still eligible?***

Yes. There is not a limit on the number of years you have practiced in Wyoming for eligibility in this program.

### ***Who can I talk to about job openings?***

For physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice nurses, the Wyoming Health Resources Network, Inc. ([www.whrn.org](http://www.whrn.org)) is a good place to start. Also, you can often obtain information from people working in your profession in the state and from your professional association in Wyoming.

### ***Where can I obtain additional information?***

Additional information, as well as a complete listing of program and eligibility requirements and application dates, is available at the website listed below. You may also contact us by telephone at (307) 777-6512.

Wyoming Office of Rural Health (307) 777-6512  
[www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/rural/loan.html](http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/rural/loan.html)